Indian Oil Corporation

2752 PROF OMPAL SINGH NIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision to disinvest 5% of their holdings in the Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, the amount of funds estimated to be raised as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to disinvest their holdings in some more public sectors undertakings in oil sector, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Drought Affected Tribals

2753 SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI
SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the plight of debt ridden and drought affected tribals of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of assistance given to them by the Union Government/Government of Orissa under Poverty Eradication programme during the last three years together with the details of agencies through which assistance was given, and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to abolish the Middle-men System in granting such assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, the Government is aware of the prevailing drought affected conditions in Kalahandi, Bolangir, Koraput, Sonepur, Boudh, Naupada and Nabrangpur districts of Orissa. Expeditious action has been taken to release adhoc grants of funds of the order of Rs. 38.52 crores to the drought affected districts in addition to the normal release of funds under the programmes. However, no details in respect of debt ridden tribals are available.

(c) The amount of assistance given to Orissa under major poverty eradication programmes during last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	Amount of assistance released by the centre		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
IRDP	3208.01	3243.29	3830.88
JRY	21762.89	20882.66	22017.83
EAS	4268.00	7884.00	11460.00
IAY	1997.26	2912.82	7873.25

The above assistance was released to State Government/DRDAs.

(d) There is no provision of any system of middlemen in granting assistance under the programmes.

[Translation]

DDA Parks

2754. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA is selling the land earmarked for public parks to private builders for construction of apartments on that land;

(b) if so, the number of parks sold during the last two years and the amount received by DDA on this account; and

(c) the criteria fixed for the sale of these parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Indian Institute of Public Administration

2755. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the constitution and functions of Indian Institutes of Public Administration;

(b) the reaction of the Government towards the news published in various Newspapers regarding malpractices in regard to election of Executives and various Branches of the Institute; and

(c) whether Government propose to take steps for better administration in the headquarters of Institute of Public Administration?